

**Reporting Burdens Reduced
Office of Air and Radiation (OAR)**

Original Reporting Requirement	State Recommendation	Change Adopted (FY07/08)
National Emissions Inventory (NEI) reporting	Reporting on NEI, Area Source and Mobile Source Inventories should be streamlined to avoid duplicative inventory reporting and multiple submissions.	Grantees need only enter the data into NEI once (this system encompasses both Area Source and Mobile Source Inventories). R3 has also instituted "reporting by exception" on a semi-annual basis which means that the grantee need only report when it has not met a grant commitment.
CAA sec. 105 reporting of accomplishments under 40 CFR 35.115(b)(1)	Annual summary report of accomplishments – submit only if grant requirements and commitments not met; eliminate quarterly reports under 105 air program grants—redundant (report is submitted to EPA technical and administrative project officers); not necessary to submit report under CAA 105 grants for mobile sources.	State needs to report annually to R4 only on those grant commitments which were not met or were delayed; section 105 grant reports need only be submitted once by a state to the administrative project officer; mobile source reporting requirement has been removed from all FY07 state and local section 105 assistance agreements.
Ambient air monitoring equipment evaluation	Conduct evaluation of ambient air monitors and auxiliary support equipment and categorize conditions as poor or good: eliminate requirements as SC will perform.	If evaluation of the monitors is covered in SC's annual network review, R4 agrees. For grant accountability purposes, documentation of equipment purchases is necessary.
Annual report on technical training for EPA air program staff	Eliminate.	R4 eliminated report.
Reporting in Air Quality Index (AQI) and AIRNOW databases	Eliminate list of metropolitan statistical areas for which AQI is reported – it is duplicative of information submitted to AIRNOW website.	R4 eliminated report.
Annual progress reports for Section 111(d) and 119 plans	Eliminate	State and R4 have discussed and agreed that this is not a burden.

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Reporting in Air Quality Subsystem (AQS) and AIRNOW databases	Reporting ambient air quality and toxic data to AQS every calendar year is burdensome--make reporting of this data in AQS available through the Exchange Network and provide training for EPA regional staff; reporting PM 2.5 and ozone values every hour to AIRNOW—provide resources.	State, local, and tribal agencies are encouraged to use the National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN) to submit AQS and AIRNow data. The OAR AIRNow Data Management Center now hosts a staging and a production node on the NEIEN. The staging node is intended for AIRNow partner agencies to test and evaluate real time data submissions to AIRNow. The production node can be used, after successful testing on staging, to fully implement NEIEN data submission to AIRNow. This new AIRNow data flow will be discussed in more detail at the 2008 National Air Quality Conference in Portland, OR from April 6-9, 2008. If state, local, or tribal agencies wish to explore using this new feature, please contact the AIRNow Program Manager, Phil Dickerson, at 919-541-4814, or via e-mail to dickerson.phil@epa.gov.
CAA section 112(g) reports	Eliminate reporting requirements and enter all sec. 112(g) determinations that were made in the sec. 112(g) Clearinghouse (electronic database).	Adopted, provided that state and local agencies continue to submit the information to the 112(g) Clearinghouse (R4).
List of Prevention of Significant Deterioration/New Source Review (PSD/NSR) permit applicability determinations resulting in non-applicability	Eliminate.	Adopted, provided that this information is included in a state's public notices (R4).

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Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) categories for which the state has received delegation	Eliminate because EPA incorporates MACT standards by reference and information is available in AIRS Facility Subsystem (AFS) database.	Requirement for annual reporting with November deadline has been eliminated by R8.
Annual air monitoring report	Eliminate as it is redundant to provide information electronically and in hard copy.	Hard copy of the data that is entered into the Air Quality System (AQS) has been eliminated by R7.
Inspection & Maintenance program reporting under CAA and regulations	Change reporting frequency to annual from semi-annual.	There are no I/M-related semi-annual reporting requirements (R3).
National Emissions Inventory (NEI) reporting	Revise, loosen coding requirements; eliminate and/or clarify inventory reporting requirements.	Currently overhauling and redesigning air emissions database system which will be operational in 2008. The Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR) rule (finalized in June 2007) will establish a single emission inventory for states.
Notification whenever state receives variance request	Eliminate and provide same to R7 in semi-annual report.	Requirement has been removed from the FY 2008-2009 CAA 105 workplan (R7) and will not be required in the future.
Conformity consultation reporting	Eliminate quarterly report on conformity consultations as EPA already has this information.	Reports have been eliminated from the FY08-FY10 105 grant and PPG workplans (R3) and will not be required in the future.
Annual air staff training reports	Annual air staff training using PPG funds: eliminate PPG workplan report because successful completion of other workplan activities is evidence that staff is trained.	Requirement has been removed from the FY2008-2009 PPG workplan (R7) and will not be required in the future.

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